

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: PETITION OF THE EPISCOPAL :
DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR :
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ON : **DOCKET NO. 4981**
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM COSTS AND :
RELATED “AFFECTED SYSTEM OPERATOR” :
STUDIES :

NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(b) and 39-1-1, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, it will conduct a hearing for the purpose of taking oral arguments regarding new evidence presented by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island (Petitioner). The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The hearing relates to a case that is on remand from the Rhode Island Supreme Court, in which the Court has directed the PUC to consider new evidence that was submitted to the Court by the Petitioner after an appeal had been taken from an Order issued by the Commission in Docket 4981 on April 14, 2020, Order No. 23811. The original case from which the appeal was taken related to a Petition for Declaratory Judgment filed by the Petitioner, challenging the authority of the distribution utility, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a/ National Grid (Narragansett) and its affiliate New England Power Company, from charging the Petitioner certain interconnection study costs and the costs of electric system modifications which Narragansett maintained were associated with two proposed solar farm projects. After the Petitioner appealed the Order, the Petitioner filed an affidavit of new evidence with the Supreme Court. On March 24, 2021, the Supreme Court entered an order remanding the case for further proceedings to consider the new evidence alleged by the Petitioner. The PUC will hear oral arguments on the Petitioner’s new evidence to determine whether such new evidence warrants an alteration to the PUC’s Order and/or whether further hearings are necessary.

The docket is available for examination at the PUC’s office and can be accessed <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4981page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk’s office at 780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 21, 2021